

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008. In that Office Action claims 1-27 were examined, and all claims were rejected. More specifically, claims 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter; claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0086061 to Holtmanns et al. ("Holtmanns"). The Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to because "computer readable medium" is allegedly not defined in the specification. Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

In this Response, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 19-21, and 24-27 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, and 22-23 have been canceled.

Objection to the Specification

The term "Computer readable Medium" is not in the Abstract of the Disclosure. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 19-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response to this rejection, claims 19-27 have been amended.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Holtmanns.

Claim 1 recites in part:

 sending an unqualified response based on a first response level where the unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on the use of transferred information; and
 sending a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information

Holtmanns does not disclose at least the above recited limitations of claim 1.

In General, Holtmanns discloses providing “a privacy receipt to a user who has communicated personal information to a third party.” (Holtmanns, para. [0014]). The privacy receipt may contain data including who obtained the user’s personal information, and what privacy policy the third party used in obtaining the personal information. (See Holtmanns, para. [0014] – [0015]). According to Holtmanns, the privacy policy “...includes rules and regulations of how personal information is to be accessed, processed, distributed stored, etc. by the service provider.” (Holtmanns, para. [0063]).

When a user of Holtmanns’ system requests a service from a service provider, the user sends a service request to the service provider. In response, the service provider requests personal information from the user and sends with it, the privacy policy. The user may review the privacy policy and submit the personal information to the service provider. (See Holtmanns, paras. [0064] – [0068]). Upon receipt of the requested personal information, a privacy receipt is generated and the service provider provides the requested service to the user. (Holtmanns, paras. [0068] – [0070]). At any time after the user has submitted the personal information to the service provider, the user may access the privacy receipt to check alleged violations of the privacy policy. (Holtmanns, para. [0071]).

In contrast to Holtmanns, the Applicant’s claims are directed to a method and system for sending, from a user’s computer system, a policy controlled response to an information transfer request from a requesting computing system. A user policy is set by the user which defines parameters for use in controlling the response. Thus, in contrast to Holtmanns, where the service provider provides a security policy to a user based on a user, Applicant is claiming the exact opposite.

Furthermore, Holtmanns does not disclose or suggest sending, in response to receiving an information transfer request, “...an unqualified response based on a first response level where the unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on the use of transferred information; and...a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information” as recited in claim 1. The sections of Holtmanns pointed to by the Office Action that allegedly disclose this limitation discuss “prov[ing] whether the privacy policy for the present service

provider request for personal information is the actual service provider's privacy policy." (Holtmanns, para [0044]. This section, nor any other section of Holtmanns pointed to by the Examiner in the Office Action, does not disclose the above recited limitation of claim 1.

For at least these reasons, claim 1, and dependent claims 3, and 5-9, are not anticipated by Holtmanns.

Claim 10 recites in part:

 sending an unqualified response based on a first response level where the unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on the use of transferred information; and
 sending a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information

Applicant reiterates the arguments made above with respect to claim 1 and submits that Holtmanns does not disclose or suggest the above recited limitation of claim 10. Therefore, claim 10 and its dependent claims, claims 11-18, are not anticipated by Holtmanns.

Claim 19 recites in part:

 sending an unqualified response based on a first response level where the unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on the use of transferred information;
 sending a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information; and
 sending no response based on a third response level

Applicant reiterates the arguments made above with respect to claim 1 and submits that Holtmanns does not disclose or suggest the above recited limitation of claim 19. Furthermore, claim 19 provides for a third response level in which a response is not sent in when information is requested from to the requesting computer system. Sending various responses based on a first, second, and third response level, as claimed above is not disclosed by Holtmann. For at least

these reasons, claim 19 and its dependent claims 20-21 and 25-27, are not anticipated by Holtmanns.

Conclusion

This Amendment fully responds to the office action mailed on April 30, 2008. Still, that office action may contain arguments and rejections and that are not directly addressed by this Amendment because they are rendered moot in light of the preceding arguments in favor of patentability. Hence, failure of this Amendment to directly address an argument raised in the Office Action should not be taken as an indication that the Applicants believe the argument to have merit. Furthermore, the claims of the present application may include other elements, not discussed in this Amendment, which are not shown, taught, or otherwise suggested by the art of record. Accordingly, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to the credit card on file.

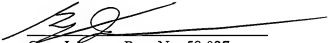
In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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